Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It is not a matter of convenience but a matter affecting progress.

President.—When you do not have proper communication the progress and improvements must necessarily be affected. If you say that the question has no reference to the political isolation of Cranganur, then also take this answer.

The Vijayan Todu in Cranganur.

506. Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon —(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Diwan has visited the Vijayan Todu in Cranganur Taluk during his recent visit in that place, and whether the necessity for protection of its bank and for a foot-bridge over the canal has been represented to him by the inhabitants of that locality

(b) if so, will the Government be pleased to state what action the Government is prepared to take in the matter?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Action is being taken to protect the portions of the Todu lying close to the road leading to the Kottappuram market and to put up a foot-bridge to serve connection between the two sides of the Todu.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon —Do not the Government know that, if the work is not undertaken before the monsoon, a further portion will be destroyed ?

President.—Very likely.

Backward classes.

507. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table:—

i. the number of students to the percentage of the population, of the School Final, Intermediate and B. A. classes in the Educational Institutions of the State;

ii. the number of persons to the percentage of the population who have qualified by those examinations and who are now without any employment;

iii. the number of public institutions out of the whole total (number) in the State to which they are denied admission;

iv. the total distance of public road wherein their entry is prohibited?

Mr. C. Matthai.—

i.	School Final	146
	Intermediate	40
	B. A.	21

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The percentage called for cannot be supplied as the present total population of the backward classes is not available.

ii. Exact figures are not available.

iii. Eight.

iv. Vide the Chief Engineer's remarks on page 823 of the budget session Proceedings of 1100.

Stipends to Depressed Class students.

508. Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) (1) as to whether the Director of Public Instruction has recommended the grant of a stipend to students of the depressed classes studying in the secondary classes;

(2) what were the reasons for the Government in overruling this recommendation;

(3) what is the total number of such students studying in the Secondary classes in the whole State;

(4) what is the rate at which stipend was proposed by the Director;

(5) does not Government consider their status requires such consideration;

(b) was there a petition received by the Government or the Director of Public Instruction from any member of the depressed classes at the end of last year for a stipend or other pecuniary help to enable him to educate his child studying in the Lower Secondary Girls' school, Vadakkancheri; has that petition been replied to by either . at what stage is it lying now?

Mr. C. Matthai.—(a) (1) Yes, for the Upper Secondary classes only from Edavam 1102.

(2) Government have accepted the recommendation.

(3) Twenty-five at the end of 1101.

(4) Rs. 3.

(5) Vide answer to part 2 above.

(b) No such petition was received.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—Am I to understand that the Director's recommendation was only with regard to the Upper Secondary students or whether the Director had also recommended for stipends to the Lower Secondary students also?

Mr. C. Matthai.—The answer is quite clear. The Director's recommendation was only for the Upper Secondary classes.

Mr. Chakko Caeruvattur. Does this 25 represent the number of students in the Upper Secondary classes only?

Mr. C. Matthai.—That represents the Secondary—the lower as well as the upper, both together at the end of 1101.

Mr. Chakko Cheruvattur.—May I know the number of students in the Upper Secondary classes alone?

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